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MEDIA ADVISORY

Teutonia Gardens to Celebrate Grand Opening

Council President Hines, Congresswoman Moore, Mayor Barrett and Others Will Cut Ribbon at 4 p.m. Ceremony Thursday

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Mayor Tom Barrett, WHEDA Executive Director Antonio Riley and other community leaders will be on hand to mark the historic opening of Teutonia Gardens on Thursday (August 21, 2008). This \$5.1 million development is phase one of the Teutonia Avenue Togetherness project (TAT), and the Teutonia Gardens-Handsome Plaza is owned by Maures Development Group, LLC and Midwest Affordable Housing Corp.

Located at the northwest corner of N. Teutonia Ave. and W. Center St., the building has 24 apartment homes for families and the ground floor has 5,400 square feet of commercial space. The anchor tenant is Handsome Barber Shop, which has been in the area for more than 40 years.

"I can recall being a customer at the Handsome Barber Shop as I grew up around this area," says President Hines. "This is a development that will have a catalytic impact on a key intersection in the 15th District. Not only does Teutonia Gardens bring high-quality, affordable housing to residents, it also brings welcome green space and a shot in the arm for local businesses. **Melissa Goins** and **Maures Development Group** have put forth an outstanding blueprint for revitalization of the central city."

When: Thursday, August 21, 4 p.m.

Where: The Northwest corner of Teutonia Ave. and Center St.

What: Grand Opening - Teutonia Gardens by Maures Development Group, LLC